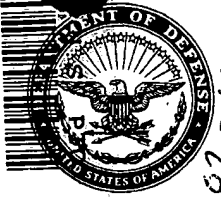


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Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the above-identified papers constituting a divisional Patent Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior Application Number 09/413,052 filed on 4 October 1999 entitled HIGH-STRENGTH PARTS FORMED USING STEREOLITHOGRAPHY, filed by the Department of the Navy on behalf of the above-named applicant.

Enclosed is a copy of the latest inventor-signed prior application, including a copy of the oath or declaration showing the original signature or an indication it was signed. I hereby verify that the papers are a true copy of the latest signed prior application number 09/413,052, and further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 USC § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

New formal drawings and a preliminary amendment are enclosed. The prior application is assigned of record to the United States of America as represented by the Secretary of the Navy. The power of attorney in the prior application is to: Michael J. McGowan, Reg. No. 31042; Prithvi C. Lall, Reg. No. 26192; and Michael F. Oglo, Reg. No. 20464. The power of attorney appears in the original papers of the prior application.

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- (1) Application papers
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